

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SURROGATE CELL GENE EXPRESSION  
SIGNATURES FOR EVALUATING THE  
PHYSICAL STATE OF A SUBJECT

Examiner: Mark Staples

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action (Election/Restriction Requirement) dated March 17, 2009, and in accordance with Rule 143 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the accompanying election and remarks. Submitted simultaneously herewith is a Request for THREE (3) Months Extension of Time with the required fee.